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ASIA

The Asian economies are starting to show signs of economic recovery after more than 2 years of economic turmoil. A marked example is the Republic of Korea. A prominent Korean institute is projecting 9% growth in South Korea's domestic gross product this year, up from a 7.5% government projection in July. Even though agricultural demand is starting to recover in Asia, some areas are recovering from very low levels and a full recovery may take time.

POULTRY

Asia (which includes the Peoples of Republic of China (PRC), Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea (South Korea), Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand) is forecast to increase total poultry imports in the year 2000 5% over 1999's preliminary estimates and up 34% since 1996. This compares to a 17% increase in 1999's import estimate over 1998's imports and a 2% increase in 1998 over 1997 during the height of the recession. The two years prior to 1998 had increases of 7-8%.

Exports are forecast to increase in 2000 8% compared to a preliminary estimate of 20% in 1999 and up 46% since 1996. Poultry exports increased 8% in 1998, 4% in 1997 and 11% in 1996.

Poultry production is forecast to increase 3% in 2000 compared to a preliminary estimate of a 2% increase in 1999 and up 10% since 1996. Production dropped 1% in 1998 and was up 5% in 1997 and 11% in 1996. Poultry meat consumption is forecast to increase 3% in 2000 compared to a 3% projected increase for 1999 and up 11% since 1996. Poultry meat consumption dropped 1% in 1998, increased 6% in 1997 and was up 11% in 1996.

TOTAL EGGS* (Includes the PRC, Honk Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand)

Imports are forecast to increase 3% in 2000 compared to a preliminary estimate of 5% for 1999, or down 5% since 1996. Egg imports dropped 2% in 1998, down 10% in 1997 and were up 1% in 1996.

Exports are forecasted to increase 7% in 2000 compared to a preliminary estimate of a 12% increase in 1999 and up 104% since 1996. Egg exports increased 18% in 1997, 43% in 1997 and 44% in 1996. The rate of increase for egg exports has gradually been slowing since 1996.

Egg production is forecast to increase 4% in 2000 compared to a preliminary estimate of a 5% increase for 1999 and up 22% since 1996. Egg production increased 4% in 1998, 8% in 1997 and 4% in 1996.

Consumption, less hatching eggs, is projected to increase 4% in 2000 compared to a preliminary estimate of 5% for 1999 and up 22% since 1996. Consumption increased 4% in 1998, 8% in 1997 and 3% in 1996 when compared to the previous year.

*Includes shell eggs, egg products and hatching eggs unless otherwise stated.

Sources: The Des Moines Register
USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

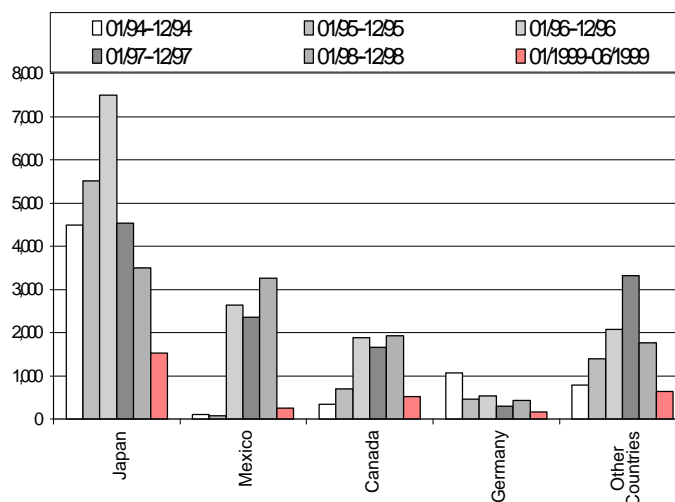
JAPAN

1998-1999 JAPANESE FROZEN BROILER IMPORTS (IN TONS)

Month	United States	China	Brazil	Thailand	Total
1998					
January	8,398	14,330	6,066	8,744	37,538
February	9,086	9,286	6,911	9,491	34,774
March	5,811	13,846	5,615	10,243	35,515
April	9,531	15,652	6,090	10,369	41,642
May	8,722	15,742	5,698	8,953	39,115
June	8,897	19,615	5,669	11,061	45,242
July	7,956	19,049	5,103	10,508	42,616
Total	58,401	107,520	41,152	69,369	276,442
1999					
January	6,554	15,060	8,078	11,662	41,354
February	10,128	16,275	6,595	10,159	42,157
March	8,333	13,517	3,741	9,434	35,025
April	9,185	16,201	5,691	11,728	42,805
May	9,542	17,792	7,373	9,200	43,907
June	8,315	18,614	8,198	11,380	46,507
July	6,340	18,928	10,378	10,072	45,718
Total	58,397	116,387	50,054	73,635	298,473

Source: ALIC Monthly statistics

UNITED STATES, EXPORT OF DRIED EGGS AND PRODUCTS, IN METRIC TONS



Source: United States Department of Agriculture

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending	October 23, 1999	1998 /1	Year-To-Date	1999	1998
Liquid		84	117	11,263	12,375	
Frozen		0	0	6	50	
Dried		0	0	504	537	
Total		84	117	11,773	12,962	

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Type	Week Ending	October 23, 1999	Year-To-Date	1999	1998
Liquid		12	57	3,774	3,476
Frozen		11	1	454	173
Dried		0	0	169	235
Total		23	58	4,397	3,884

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S. Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending	October 23, 1999	Year-To-Date	1999	1998
Jumbo		4	0	1,135	1,295
Extra Large		1,722	815	37,221	30,306
Large		5,064	4,876	123,425	98,940
Medium		960	1,500	41,024	49,594
Ungraded		14,610	10,341	527,753	297,200
Misc		2,223	1,547	10,190	7,681
Total		24,583	19,079	740,748	485,016

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 23-OCT-99 (PRELIMINARY)**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
HEAD	1,952	1,612	3,564
LAST WEEK	1,683	1,620	3,303
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,848	1,265	3,113
TO-DATE/1999	87,528	59,402	146,930
TO-DATE/1998	85,938	53,135	139,073

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	408	43	451
LAST WEEK	353	0	353
SAME WEEK YR AGO	321	0	321
TO-DATE/1999	19,483	229	19,712
TO-DATE/1998	21,924	281	22,205

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	2,360	1,655	4,015
LAST WEEK	2,036	1,620	3,656
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,169	1,265	3,434
TO-DATE/1999	107,011	59,631	166,642
TO-DATE/1998	107,862	53,416	161,278

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 29-OCT-99

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----	-----FRESH-----
FAT	FOB DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK	DOCK
15% OR LESS		
RANGE	-	-
WTD AVERAGE		
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.		

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	19.00	19.25	14.00-15.00	15.00
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	19.25	14.33	15.00
263,200 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00	16.00	11.00-13.00	13.00-14.50
WTD AVERAGE	17.00	16.00	11.64	13.57
1,712,000 pounds, this includes 326,400 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 29-OCT-99

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----	-----FRESH-----
FAT	FOB DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK	DOCK
15% OR LESS		
RANGE	16.00-18.00	17.00-18.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.97	17.45
1,536,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.		

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	18.00	-	17.00
WTD AVERAGE		18.00		17.00
440,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	14.75-18.00	-	14.00	13.00-16.50
WTD AVERAGE	16.36		14.00	14.92
2,688,000 pounds, this includes 1,240,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	13.50	-
WTD AVERAGE			13.50	

120,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS
OCTOBER 29, 1999

Trade sentiment on tom breast meat ranged from cautiously steady to barely steady at best, destrapped tenderloins steady to weak, wing meat with skin steady to weak mostly steady, unground breast trim and scapula about steady. White meat demand uneven ranging from light to fair. Some sellers have turned away inquiry on wing meat and destrapped tenderloins while others note a lack of demand. Offerings of tom breast meat uneven ranging from light to ample, destrapped tenderloins light to available on fresh and frozen light to instances burdensome. For export (spot loads): tom necks 22, fresh tom drums 26, defatted gizzards 82 cents.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00-27.00		26.50	240	26.05	380
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	12.00	80	12.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	40	19.34	352
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00-63.00		61.50	80	61.49	544

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	25.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	12.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	19.00	312
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	62.00	120

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	25.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	12.00		12.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	19.00	312
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00-65.00		62.00	120

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00		25.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	312
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00		62.00	104

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00		27.00	20
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.50	416
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	61.00		61.00	240

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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